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## Don't Let Stagnation Get the Better of You---Get Busy, Advertise and Your Business Will Be Stimulated

### CHANGE IN ICE PLANT.

**The Plant Will Be Located at the Missouri Pacific.**

The changes in regard to the ice plant ownership have been of a meteoric nature the last several weeks. We are informed however that the matter is now settled and that the Great Bend Water and Light Company will not install a plant as has been their intention but instead they have transferred their title in the business to the Great Bend Ice and Fuel Co., who will finish the erection of the plant on the Missouri Pacific tracks and install a plant there. This is the final settlement of the matter as stated to a reporter for the paper.

### Cold Storage and Prices.

The following from the Kansas City Journal, while it does not offer much consolation to either the producer or the consumer, may be the means of helping to put the blame where it really belongs:

"The general public gladly welcomes any indication that the cost of living is to be less, although it must be said that it is yet the tendency toward lower prices has not reached the consumers. It is reported from Chicago and other centers of extensive cold storage operations that holders of butter, eggs, cheese and poultry are overstocked and that they will be obliged to throw upon the market a great bulk of these products before May 1. In consequence there is to be a slump in prices. Many Chicago dealers, it is reported, face failure because of this situation.

Those people who have been paying tribute to the cold storage men will bear with remarkable fortitude the news that these speculators may suffer by reason of being forced to dispose of millions of pounds of butter, eggs and poultry from their warehouses where these necessities have been locked up for years in order to keep prices high. The manipulators of food stuffs have had things pretty much their own way for quite a while and if they have been unable to hold control of the situation they should expect no great amount of sympathy from their weary victims.

In all probability the present crisis in the produce market is merely the reassertion of the law of supply and demand temporarily suspended by artificial means. Some years ago the era of cold storage on a large scale began. Within a short time in nearly all of the big cities of the country there were great cold storage warehouses that received and held the surplus products. The result was that high prices reigned during the time when there was a surplus as well as when there wasn't. The cold storage warehouses took out of the market millions of pounds of butter, eggs and poultry that under ordinary circumstances would have cheapened prices. In this period when the cold storage stocks were accumulating the consumers paid the prices that the cold storage men themselves established.

The time has come, apparently, when the limit of cold storage capacity has been reached. The warehouse men can no longer take care of the surplus. The tendency, therefore, is to go back to the normal situation and the prices will again be regulated by the law of supply and demand. It will not be surprising if within the next few months there is a rush to empty the cold storage houses and a resultant demoralization of the market, in which the consumer temporarily will come into his own. This is the indication, but consumers have heard before of falling prices which somehow never fell, and they will put no great faith in anything except actually reduced grocery bills. Cold storage is highly useful and valuable in various ways, but keeping up the price of living is not one of them."

**Knights of Columbus at Spearville.**  
A new lodge of the Knights of Columbus was installed at Spearville last Sunday.

The first and second degrees were conferred upon a list of 32 candidates by the Ellinwood team and the third degree by State Deputy Chas. McCarthy and his staff.

A swell banquet was served by the ladies of the Catholic church.

Twenty-four of the local Knights from this place, Ellinwood and Seward, attended and report a very pleasant time and that the Spearville bunch are first-class entertainers.

### Base Ball.

The business managers of the base ball proposition in the various towns of the Kansas State League held a meeting in Hutchinson January 16. Representatives from all of the towns were present and from the standpoint of harmony, enthusiasm and all of the "et ceteras," which go to make up a first-class meeting this one was a success.

A schedule of 112 games was agreed upon to begin May 11 and finish on September 24. The schedule will be so arranged that each team will have two series of three games each and one series of two games each, with each other one of the eight teams. This arrangement will eliminate one of the weak points of last year's schedule viz., that of having a series of eight consecutive games at any of the different towns which, it has been definitely settled, was a detriment from a financial standpoint.

The same salary limit which was in effect last year will remain.

It was decided to adopt the Goldsmith ball as the official league ball instead of the one used in previous seasons.

The dates of the games in the various towns and the details of the schedule are in the hands of a committee and will be forthcoming in due time. Various other matters of minor importance were discussed, among which were some small changes in the constitution.

E. W. Seward and Wendell Strong who attended the meeting from Great Bend, said that the towns are all enthusiastic. That President Stahl is making good and that everything points to a successful season and high class ball which is what we all want to see.

### Push Movement For Direct Elections.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Encouraged by the results of yesterday's move in the Senate friends of the resolution for the election of the United States senators by direct vote of the people are going to push hard for a vote on that proposition before the end of the present session. Senator Bristow of Kansas, one of the most aggressive advocates of the measure, was in conference with some of his colleagues today and plans for the future of the bill were discussed. Not despairing because of his failure yesterday to get a vote on the proposition, Senator Bristow will early next week ask again that a date be fixed for a vote. The happenings yesterday, it is believed, when the first efforts along that line were made, indicated that the senate is generally favorable to putting the matter to a vote. Some missionary work is to be done by Senator Bristow and other progressives during the next few days by conference and it is being predicted that an agreement upon a date will be reached soon.—Topeka Capital.

### Mrs. Isaac Reynolds.

Mrs. Sarah Reynolds passed to the great beyond last Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock after suffering from a stroke of paralysis.

The family knew that the Angel of Death was near so death was not unexpected. Although unable to help herself she never complained and everything that hands could do was done to make her suffering easier.

She was the beloved wife of Isaac Reynolds, who with his family, came to this country at an early date and settled on a farm north of town.

Mrs. Reynolds was an active member of the Congregational church and when her health would permit took active part in church work.

Her husband and two children, Miss Alice Reynolds and Mr. Thomas Reynolds, of Kansas City, were at her bedside when death came. Beside her family she leaves a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon and the body was shipped to Kansas City Friday morning for burial.

### Her First Cottonwood "A Goner."

A considerable amount of sentiment has been aroused in Salina this week due to the fact that her first tree, a cottonwood, planted in the city in the early sixties, has fallen a victim to the woodman's axe.

### Get an Advertising Start.

"I open my store tomorrow. How would you advise me to start off?"  
"You will advertise, of course?"  
"Huh! I thought of it."  
"Then I advise you to start with a closing-out sale."—Dallas News.

### BOY SHOT IN EYE.

**While Handling an Air Rifle he Underwent an Accident.**

One of the numerous cases of boy and air gun turned out rather seriously Saturday. The 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Warner, north Washington street is the possessor of one of these rifles and while playing with it Saturday was shot in the left eye with a B B shot. It is doubtful whether the sight may be saved or not. The boys handling these air guns can not be too careful.

### AFTER "DIVINE HEALERS."

**To Ask Legislature to Pass Law to Put Them Out of Business.**

"War on alleged Christian healers" may be the slogan of the ministers of Kansas during the present session of the state legislature, and will be if the idea of the Ministerial association of Iowa, Kan., and vicinity is carried out. This association is getting out circular letters to ministerial associations over the state urging the circulation of petitions asking for legislation to put "divine" healers out of business.

The indignation of the ministers of Iowa, which incited the present move, was aroused some time ago by an incident occurring at that place. A young wife and mother was sick and finally died without having any medical attention except that of a so-called "divine" healer. The death was followed by the adoption on the part of the ministers of a resolution which is made a part of the circular letter being received here, and which condemns in no uncertain terms the "practice of certain quacks and fake healers, who, without proper knowledge of medical science, teach and practice in the name of religion and science."

The circular letter in question, a copy of which is given below, is being received by various ministers of Topeka, and is finding a good deal of support here. The petitions asked for will ask the legislature to pass some law protecting the public from the tactics referred to and from the so-called medical practice of alleged "divine" healers.

The circular letter, which is self explanatory, follows:

"To the Ministerial association of Topeka.

Brethren:  
"We, the Ministerial association of Iowa, Kansas, and vicinity, seek your co-operation in bringing before the legislature, which meets January 10, 1911, some measure looking toward the more equitable regulation of the practice of the healing art within our state. A large and growing class of 'healers' and 'practitioners' of various names, forms and cults, offer their services to the sick and appeal to the public for patronage. They are unlicensed and therefore irresponsible so far as regulation by the state is concerned. At the same time they are for the most part ignorant of that scientific knowledge which would enable them to make intelligent diagnosis of disease, to discover contagious diseases, and to understand the true limits of their ability, thus causing much needless suffering and numerous untimely deaths.

"We believe that in the interests of common justice and for the safeguarding of the public health, the laws of our state should be so amended or revised as to require all who assume to treat the sick by whatever method to secure a license for the same from the proper state board of examiners after suitable examination as to their qualifications. To this end we solicit your co-operation.

"We are prompted to this action by the case referred to in resolutions adopted by us, published in the Iowa Daily Register December 2nd, 1910, and afterwards endorsed by the Allen County Medical society, and which read as follows:

"We, the Ministerial association of Iowa and vicinity, desire to express to the public:

"1.—Our unqualified condemnation, as fanatical, cruel and wicked, of such gross neglect of the sick and suffering as recently resulted in the untimely death of a young wife and mother in our city, said neglect being due to the teaching and practice of certain quacks and fake healers who, without proper knowledge of medical science, teach and practice in the name of religion and science, the religion being anti-Christian and the science being 'falsely so-called.' And

"2.—Our conviction that such inhuman proper subject for investigation and action by the civil authorities; and that if our present laws are inadequate to meet such conditions, this inadequacy should at once be remedied."

"We also enclose other resolutions adopted by us, and ask you to address your senator and member of the house of representatives, both by letter and by resolution, urging them to careful consideration of the bill which may be presented looking to the above described legislation. We also suggest that you send a copy of letter and resolution to Dr. O. P. Davis, president of the State Medical association, at Topeka, Kansas.

(Signed)

"J. H. PRICE,

First M. E. Church.

"W. H. OWEN,

Pastor First Baptist Church.

"S. S. HILSCHER,

Pastor First Presbyterian Church.

"Iola, Kansas, Jan. 4, 1911."—Topeka Capital.

### Annual Banquet.

The annual banquet of the Democrats of Kansas will be held at Topeka, Kansas, Wednesday evening, February 22, 1911. The banquet will be held at the Masonic Temple and the menu will be served by C. E. Colson, manager of the Thrapp Hotel. The local committee has been hard at work for some time arranging details and the program for the event. The prospects are bright for one of the best and biggest banquets ever held. A complete program is being prepared and the list of speakers this year is an exceptionally strong one.

As many Democrats as can possibly do so should make an effort to attend. The trip will be worth your while and as the legislature is now in session it will give you an opportunity of visiting the legislature and at the same time attend the banquet. The committee would urge as many as possible to attend and those desiring to attend should secure their tickets before it is too late.

Those desiring tickets may secure them by sending to George E. Barnaby, secretary, Topeka, Kansas. The tickets will be two dollars each and your personal check may be sent. Do not fail to attend and urge as many of the local Democrats to attend as possible. It is the desire of every Democrat to make this one big event a great success. The recent Democratic victories make the prospects bright for a Democratic president in 1912.

### Slow to Start.

The present Kansas legislature followed the usual custom of adjourning from Friday to Monday afternoon, the first week. This disposition to waste time in the early part of a session usually makes a congested calendar in the latter days of the session, which embraces only about forty working days.

There are many important measures to be considered during the present session, perhaps more than the usual amount of business will be transacted and we believe people in general would be glad to see both the senate and the house "get busy" and thus avoid leaving too many of the important measures to a hasty and hurried consideration during the closing days.

### Characteristic Expressions.

"Blood will tell," said the man who shaved himself and didn't want people to know it.

"The older I grow the stronger I get," remarked the well-used pipe.

"The game is up," said the hungry diner noting the advance in price on the menu.

"Anything for a change," observed the chorus girl as she applied the peroxide to her locks.

"It's time to et dressed for dinner," said the lobster as the cook took it from the refrigerator.

"It doesn't bother me if food is high," said the giraffe as he nibbled away at the tree top.

If a boy ate an apple that was green and it made him sick, what would his telephone number be? 812 Green.

An exchange give some reasons of the hard times: "We let our timber rot and buy fencing; we throw away our ashes and buy soap; we raise dogs and buy hogs; we raise weeds and buy vegetables and brooms; we catch five cent fish with a four dollar rod; we build school houses and send our children off to be educated, and lastly, we send our boys out with a forty dollar gun and a ten dollar dog to hunt ten cent birds."

### LARNED CREAMERY CLOSES.

**Has Quit Churning But Will Continue to Handle Cream, Poultry, Etc.**

The Larned plant of the Merritt-Schwier Creamery Co. quit churning and the manufacture of butter the first of the week and in the future the cream received at the plant will be shipped either to the Great Bend plant or the company or to the new plant which it has just taken over at Colorado Springs, Colo. The Larned station will continue to buy cream, poultry, eggs, etc., the same as in the past, and the company has assured its patrons that they will get the same service in the future, and will receive the same prices for their cream and produce, as though the Larned plant were still in operation. The company recently issued a circular letter to its patrons informing them of the change to be made, and assigning the extreme shortage of cream in this section of the country as the reason for discontinuing churning at this point.

Wm. Schwier, who has had charge of the business here for the past 12 years, will leave next Sunday evening for Colorado Springs, where the Merritt-Schwier company recently become interested in the plant of the Colorado Springs Creamery Company. Mr. Schwier will in the future look after the company's interests in the western part of its territory, and expects to make Colorado Springs the future home of himself and family. His family will remain here for the present, but expect to move in the spring. Mr. Schwier and his family have many friends here, who will deeply regret the necessity of their departure. During his residence here Mr. Schwier has built up the Larned creamery from almost nothing until now it is part of one of the biggest institutions of its kind in the state, and one which is constantly reaching out for larger territory.

The Larned creamery was at one time one of the most important institutions in the community, in the days when butter and eggs were the real source of income for those who farmed. But in these later years of prosperity, as the annual wheat yield of the country multiplied in millions, the attention paid to the faithful old milk cow and the helpful hen has steadily decreased, until finally the offering of cream at the creamery from this immediate territory has decreased to such an extent that the company finds it to their advantage, with their increased capacity at Great Bend, to handle their entire business at that point.

The company's principal distributing market for its butter and produce is in Colorado and other points west, and it will now have the advantage of a plant located in the center of that section, and the cost of transporting cream to the western plant will be but little if any greater than it has heretofore cost to ship the finished product, butter, to the same central distributing point.

The closing of the churning department of the Larned plant will in no way affect this point as a market for cream and produce, and the incident is chiefly important as proving that this section of the country has permanently passed from the days when small industries like milking cows and gathering eggs were necessary to the welfare of the country. But the day of the cow is not yet passed, and the time is coming soon when she will again come into her own; not, however, as an incidental side-issue to wheat-raising, but as the backbone and main stock in trade of the dairy industry, for which this section of the country is most of all especially adapted. Founded on alfalfa, the dairy industry of this, which is now the Great Kansas Wheat Belt, is destined at no far-distant day to become one of the greatest, both in size and importance, in this hemisphere, just as certain sections of the Old Country have reached the same destiny through natural facilities and stress of congested population.—Larned Tiller and Toller.

J. L. Johnson, a young man who has been working for Harve Johnson several months, tending cattle on the old Dodge farm north of town, was shot in the leg Monday with a revolver bullet, receiving a bad flesh wound. Luckily no serious complications are expected. With two or three other men on the place Johnson was fooling with a revolver when the wound was received.

Bert Kramer visited with friends in Hutchinson Sunday.

### HOISINGTON ROBBERS.

**Two Men Arrested for Stealing Goods From Box Car.**

Sheriff Daily started to Topeka last evening via Hoisington but on arriving there it was found out that a car had been broken open in the Hoisington yards and a lot of shoes had been stolen. Some of the goods taken from a car had been shipped to merchants here and some to Hoisington people. By some means, or by a tip, a part of the shoes, 120 pairs, were found in an old threshing separator that had been standing in a field near the cemetery on the hill northeast of town, last night. A couple of young men were arrested on suspicion. They were taken before A. H. Baker, justice of the peace, and Ed Hunt was held on the charge of breaking into and taking goods from a car and committing to the county jail in default of bond for his appearance at the March term of district court. The evidence was hardly strong enough to hold Harry Haggard on the same charge and he was released but re-arrested on charge of carrying concealed weapons and this was a case of caught with the goods. He was convicted. Justice Baker fined him \$15 and costs, making a total of \$25.90 and committed him to the county jail in default of payment.

This will hold him for a while and if there is anything more serious against him it will develop. Sheriff Daily brought both men over to jail this morning. They are each said to be about 25 to 27 years of age. From Tuesday's Daily.

### Let There Be Light.

Realizing the need of better light the business of the town, between Main and Williams, have had installed at their own expense a string of thirteen tungsten lights on each side of the street, twenty-six in all, located above the curbing at sufficient height to light the sidewalk perfectly and make the entire street almost as light as day. This block is now, the best lighted one in the city and much credit is due the enterprise of the business men who have had the matter in hand. If the business people of Main street will follow this plan Great Bend will soon have a business district as well lighted as any modern city.

### A Growing Concern.

P. E. Zimmerman of Lindsay, advertising manager for the Hagerstrom Bros. Manufacturing Co., of that place was interviewing our automobile dealers Wednesday in regard to the future of that business in Great Bend.

Few of our readers are probably aware that we have, almost in our midst, a concern which is now the largest institution of its kind in the world. The Hagerstrom concern claim to that distinction, and those who have seen it vouch for the accuracy of that statement. Only five articles are manufactured, namely, the Hagerstrom blow-out patch, spark-plug, porcelain tube cutter, spark plug hand vice, and electric lamp cord adjuster, of which Zimmerman kindly donated samples each to the Democrat office.

The company is capitalized at \$300,000, nearly all the stock being owned by the wealthy Swedish farmers near Lindsay. Branch offices are maintained in all the principal cities of America, also at Gotteberg, Sweden; Berlin, Germany; Vienna, Austria; Mexico City, and Shanghai, China. The weekly pay roll of the factory is approximately \$1,000 a week, which would be a valuable amount to any Kansas town.

Mr. Zimmerman is an old boyhood friend of Mr. Moore of this office.

### Imperialism.

There is a lad in Boston, the son of a well-known writer of history, who has evidently profited by such observations as he may have overheard his father utter touching certain phases of British empire-building. At any rate, the boy showed a shrewd notion of the opinion not infrequently expressed in regard to the righteousness of "British occupation." It was he who handed in the following essay on the making of a British colony.

"Africa is a British colony. I will tell you how England does it. First she gets a missionary; when the missionary has found a specially beautiful and fertile tract of country, he gets all his people round him and says: 'Let us pray, when all the eyes are shut, up goes the British flag.'—Harper's Magazine.